

Amendments to the Specification:

*Please amend the specification on page 1, paragraph [0001], as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/302,663, filed April 30, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,442,284), titled "Watermark Detection Utilizing Regions with Higher Probability of Success," which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/125,349 filed March 19, 1999.

*Please amend the specification on page 1, paragraph [0002], as follows:

[0002] The present invention is also related to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/771,340, filed January 26, 2001 (published as US 2003-0016841 A1), and 09/503,881, filed February 14, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,614,914).